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UNITED FORCES OF CENTRAL DAIRY POOL FACE FUTURE

GENEROUS SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE IS BASIS OF POLICY

Annual Meeting of Central Alberta
Dairy Pool Looks to New
Achievement

MEETING AT ALIX

All Possible Effort to Be Made to
Expand Business—Board for
Coming Year Elected

ALIX, June 15th.—Uniting forces which for some time past have been divided upon some issues of policy, the Central Alberta Dairy Pool closed its annual convention well after midnight Wednesday, after sessions which had continued from Tuesday morning with very brief intermissions. The spirit of generous compromise, in which all other considerations were subordinated to the achievement of unity and harmony among the membership, brought this happy conclusion, and the Pool enters upon its new business year with confidence in the possibilities of new attainment and expansion.

The closing scenes, after a day of strenuous debate, gave grounds for such encouragement, and delegates and a large body of visiting members of the Pool who attended throughout the sessions, ended the day with differences composed and expressions of determination to devote all possible effort to the building up of the volume of co-operative shipments. Such an attitude marked the discussions among many small groups of shippers who gathered following adjournment to discuss the future.

Directors Withdraw

Directors of seven of the nine divisions, all of whom had the confidence of their delegates, and whom their own delegates wished to re-elect, decided that they would not accept re-election this year. But it was made clear by J. W. Cochrane, who was the first to announce such a decision, that though not in office he would be just as eager as before to build up the volume of business and would support the Pool in every way. His statement was heartily applauded by what had become an unanimous convention. Similar statements were made by others, whose views on past policy had differed.

That the Board, including the two continuing directors, from divisions eight and nine, will have the support of the membership throughout the territory of the Pool, is one of the factors likely to make for progress.

J. H. Smith of Alix and Ronald Pye of Penhold acted alternately as chairmen of the convention. Mr. Smith stressed the desirability of unity in the organization. Actually, what was achieved was a compromise which was the result of voluntary action by delegates and directors, entered into in a very fine spirit.

During the day W. D. King, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, briefly addressed the convention, expressing his good wishes to the

"The Lord Helps Those"



Under the title "The Lord Helps Those" Bertram B. Fowler (above) has written a book telling the dramatic story of the poverty-stricken farmers, fishermen and miners of wind-swept Nova Scotia, who have gained a measure of economic independence through a program of adult education and co-operative action.

Hold Up F.C.A.A. Amendments

Receiving word that the Senate had referred back to committee amendments to the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act (described by J. E. Brownlee, K.C., in a recent article in *The Western Farm Leader*), Norman F. Priestley, Vice-President of the U.F.A., despatched the following telegram to Hon. C. A. Dunning:

"Regret Senate action respecting amendments to F.C.A.A. Strongly urge committee stand firm on amendments passed by Commons. This Act with amendments only legislation effectively dealing with farm debt and vitally needed in Alberta and Saskatchewan. U.F.A. attitude on this question undoubtedly reflects feeling of Western farmers. Facilities of our organization at your disposal."

pool, and his desire that everything possible should be done to attain unity. Mr. Low of the Royal Bank at Red Deer, also spoke on invitation of the delegates. The Board of the C.A.D.P. is in session today here.

The Board for the coming year will be as follows: District One, G. E. Morrison, Erskine; District Two, (still to be elected); District Three, M. Armstrong, Lacombe; District Four, M. Oppel, Alhambra; District Five, J. A. Wood, Elnora; District Six, J. H. Crawford, Fenn; District Seven, D. Fuite, Throne; District Eight, F. G. Brown, Acme; District Nine, George K. MacShane, Bowden.

In District Two, J. B. Johnston, of Ferintosh, withdrew his name when divisional delegates sought his reelection, but no other delegate would accept the nomination. The matter was therefore left over with a view to the delegation giving further consideration to the filling of the vacancy.

Terrific Struggle for Wheat Markets May Result from Big Crops

Threat of Price Disaster Points Urgent
Need for Reasonable Minimum
Price

On Friday of last week the United States Department of Agriculture issued an estimate of the winter wheat production of that country, the figure being 760 million bushels. The spring wheat estimate, less decisive, is calculated at 260 million bushels. This total, combined with the prospective carryover of 200 million bushels, provides a grand total of available wheat in the United States of 1,220 million bushels.

The U. S. estimate was based on conditions prevailing on June 1st. Since then damage has been done to the winter wheat crop. The greatest threat is from black rust, but even with that peril imminent, the United States is going to have an overwhelming wheat crop.

Price Structure Threatened

The Canadian wheat crop undoubtedly will be substantially larger than last year, but it is going to be faced with severe competition and prices will be materially lower than those prevailing for the 1937 crop. With the United States having to export from 200 million to 300 million bushels of wheat, the whole price structure is seriously threatened. If it happens that the southern hemisphere raises even an average crop the struggle for markets is going to be terrific.

Europe will have a crop about as large as last year's, as the prevailing droughts on that continent did not damage wheat very much. The one thing that will damage European wheat crops is a wet harvest. On the whole, world trade will be only about 50 million or 60 million bushels larger than last year, so that there will be a great scramble among half a dozen exporting countries, each one trying to get its share of the limited markets.

Western Canadian farmers must consider the wheat price situation as an ominous one. The crops for the past few years have been very small here and comparatively few have benefited from the high prices.

Federal Action Needed

The hope is that the Federal Government will come to the assistance of the western farmer by fixing a reasonable minimum price and swinging the Wheat Board into operation. Assurance that this will be done has been given by Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture.

Imperial Airways' trans-Atlantic flights to Canada will be resumed next month, states a Montreal despatch.

The value of air bombardments in racial selection since it removes people in thickly crowded quarters "who have not succeeded in life" and causing cases of madness thus "assisting us to discover neurotic people and remove them from social life," is dwelt upon in an article in a German magazine by a high Nazi official.

ARMS PROFITS ARE TREBLED IN THREE YEARS IN BRITAIN

Accounts Published by Thirty Iron
and Steel Firms Show
Immense Gains

PROFITEERING RAMPANT

Private Organizations Will Have
to Be Abandoned, Is Claim
of Critics

LONDON, June 15th.—Profits of 30 iron and steel firms with big armament interests have swollen from £3,803,040 in 1934 to £11,747,074 in 1937, according to the accounts which have been issued by these firms. The wide extent of profiteering which is going on at the expense of the mass of the people is creating a public scandal. The Government has been unresponsive to demands that this profiteering should be stopped.

Offer Turned Down

One well-known manufacturer who offered to supply arms material at cost met with a rebuff and his patriotic offer was turned down. He was subsequently elected to the House of Commons as a member of the Labor party.

M.P.'s for industrial areas, who are well aware of what is going on, declare that fraud and swindling are not uncommon, and are prepared, it is stated, to name firms which are being allowed to amass wealth quickly because the Government is either impotent or acquiescent.

Profits Before Patriotism

One newspaper which has no party connections states that "Aeroplanes have not been forthcoming in the required numbers simply because certain people have been forcing a crisis to earn still bigger profits."

"In the industrial districts of Britain, which are contributing most to the armament program, there is abundant evidence that, because profits have been put before patriotism, the system of private arms manufacture is breaking down again, as it did in the Great War. It will have to be abandoned in favor of a system of national organization and control."

FLOODS HAMPER INVADERS

SHANGHAI, June 15th.—Thousands of Japanese soldiers are drowned or marooned, and many more thousands (one estimate is 150,000) of Chinese people have lost their lives in the flood of the Yellow River, which has broken through fifty miles of dikes along its south side. Equipment of the Japanese army is mired in heavy mud. Meantime, land and naval forces, after the capture of Hankow, on the Yangtze River, on Monday, are pushing on up the river towards Hankow, the provisional capital.

Japanese armament makers have contracted for the entire output of the Pacific Nickel Company, in B.C., it is reported.

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Alberta's Great Experiment in Community Co-operation

By
CHARLES S. BURCHILL, M.A.

HISTORY OF THE EASTERN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

INSTALMENT II

Debt Annihilation in the E.I.D.

HOW bad is a Bad Debt? This is a question that deserves more consideration than it has ever received. To a business man a Bad Debt is simply a debt that he can't collect. He judges an account by its collectability, as a diner judges a restaurant egg by its edibility. A bad debt is an annoyance to the creditor, just as a bad egg is an annoyance to the consumer—in either case only one person is particularly concerned. But there is another way of judging debts; the way we judge noxious weeds or disease germs or bombs—that is, by their capacity to do damage.

A "Bad Debt" District

In the previous article of this series it was shown that by 1935 the Eastern Irrigation District had become a Bad Debt District. That, after the average farmer had been struggling for fourteen years to meet the obligations on his land contract, he owed on his original agreement about \$1,000 more than he did when he started.

Judged from the point of view of collectability these were Bad Debts. Considered from the angle of their consequences the debts were even worse. They resulted in the land of the district being badly farmed, its people being badly housed, its farms badly equipped and badly stocked. They bred discouragement, waste and bitterness.

They were very Bad Debts.

Take the matter of bad farming. Irrigation practice is a highly skilled occupation; it requires years of painful experience to make a good irrigator. Every time an experienced farmer is replaced by a man new to the work the quality of the farm management is likely to decline. In the Eastern Irrigation District men bought their land, and labored painfully for a number of years to learn their trade. Then, convinced that they could never work out of debt, they threw up their contracts, moved away, and were replaced by another crop of inexperienced men. A check-up in 1927 showed that more than 400 farms had been abandoned by the original purchasers. In the next three years the Company sold farms to approximately 500 newcomers, yet the number of water-users in the same period increased by only 83. The rate of turnover was sufficient to replace the entire population of the district every six years.

From 1921 to 1927 an elaborate census of the project was kept. During that time the number of dwellings fell from 844 to 682, the number of silos from 28 to 3, the number of tractors from 280 to 169 and the number of poultry from 45,000 to 30,000. The meaning of these figures is plain. Why should a farmer construct or repair buildings on land he could never hope to own? Why should he replace machinery or develop side-lines if the increased product would all be swallowed up by debts that multiplied more rapidly than anything the farmer could produce?

Debts that act as a clog on production are the worst of all Bad Debts. This was how Carl Anderson first got his idea.

Carl Anderson's Idea

Carl Anderson is a farmer out of Scandia—one of the more remote settlements in the Eastern Irrigation District. He has an almost fanatical faith in co-operation as a cure for economic ills; he is the mainstay of the U.F.A. Local in his district; his efforts have been largely responsible for the eminently successful livestock pool and consumers' co-operative society that operate at Scandia. Why, he asked, should the farmers not take over the Eastern Irrigation District, and run it as a co-operative society?

When he first broached the idea, back in 1933, he was laughed at. Even after a year of missionary work he was turned down flatly when he submitted the suggestion to a meeting of the Contract Holders' Association in March of 1934. Before the end of the year, however, he had not only secured the support of the Large Committee which represented the Contract Holders in their dealings with the Railway Company, but had even secured endorsement of the principle at a general meeting of the water-users themselves. The idea was penetrating the community.

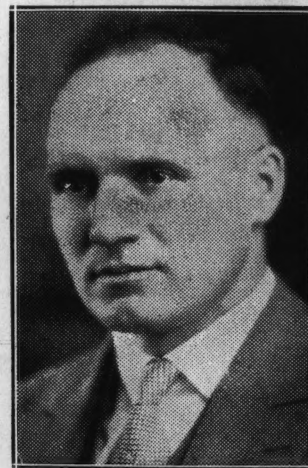
A Small Committee, consisting only of Carl Anderson, Tait White of Brooks, and William Sheldrake of Duchess immediately set to work on the C.P.R. On December 3rd of 1934, the Committee agreed on a twelve-point proposal at a meeting with Company officials in the office of the Railway's Department of Natural

Resources in Calgary, and Mr. Porter, the manager of the Department, agreed to transmit the offer to Head Office.

The proposal was rather staggering. Briefly it contemplated the transfer to the water-users of the Eastern Irrigation District assets—the dam, structures, ditches and rights-of-way, the unsold lands and the land contracts—the whole having a book value of some \$20,000,000, in return for a payment of \$500,000 stretched out over a period of twenty years from 1940. The Company was to be allowed to keep certain heavy machinery, its Demonstration Farms, and a few other parcels of land, and was to be relieved of the duty of supplying water to the contract holders. The Company was also to advance \$150,000 to cover operating expenses for 1935.

This looked like a bargain—too good a bargain, in fact. The Small Committee made it clear that their offer

Manages District



E. L. GRAY, M.L.A.

was only tentative and subject to revision after an analysis of the E.I.D. accounts should have been made by the Provincial Auditor.

Auditor's Report Brings Dismay

The Auditor's Report, when it came, was dismaying. True, it showed that the property had been well maintained; it showed that much incidental expense could be eliminated. But nothing could alter the damning facts that the Company for the past six years had been spending nearly \$5.00 for every dollar it had been able to collect; that for the past fifteen years the average annual expenditure on maintenance and operation had been more than double the \$150,000 which the Company proposed to advance for the 1935 expenses; that the new district would have no reserves to fall back upon for a number of years, so that any accident to one of the major structures would destroy the system.

The risks involved were clearly too great. Mr. Sheldrake withdrew from the Committee; and an organization of water-users was formed to fight the proposed transfer.

Carl Anderson and Tait White, after careful consideration, decided not to abandon their idea. Protracted negotiations led to a new proposal. The Railway Company would advance \$300,000 instead of \$150,000 for the 1935 operation costs; it would waive all payment by the new district, and would transfer the \$20,000,000 worth of assets merely to be relieved of the obligation to supply water; it would

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Juniors Re-Elect

Margaret Archibald

By DONALD H. FLACH

EDMONTON, June 15th.—Miss Margaret Archibald, Lacombe, was re-elected to serve her third term as president of the Junior U.F.A., at its eighteenth convention, held in the basement of the University Tuck Shop, on Monday. She defeated George Golberg, Alix, who, in the elections for vice-president was elected over his opponents, Ronald Fraser, Morton McElroy and William Runte.

Reports on their work as directors were given by George Thring, for Acadia; Eileen Reynolds, Battle River; Gordon Sinclair, Macleod; Kyland Oliver, Medicine Hat; George Golberg, Red Deer; Donald Flach, Vegreville, and Blanche Paulsen, Wetaskiwin.

Elvins Spencer, former vice-president, reported on the joint camp of the Junior U.F.A. and C.C.Y.M., to be held at Sylvan Lake July 29th to August 6th.

William Runte, representative of the Juniors at the Youth Congress spoke on the peace commission of the Congress, of which he was a member. Morton McElroy, of Conrich Local, and Mrs. McBride spoke briefly on the Social Justice and Internal Peace commissions of the Congress.

Alix Junior Local won the Efficiency banner.

Resolutions were warmly debated. Among those passed was one favoring withdrawal of the U.F.A. from direct political activity and another endorsing the stand of the senior organization on the production tax.

rebuild free of charge any major structure failing within the next five years; it would relieve the new district of liability for damage which might be caused to the railway property by seepage or flooding of irrigation water; it would not remove any machinery necessary to the operation of the system.

New Offer Makes Scheme Workable

The new offer was generous enough to make the co-operative scheme workable. The Small Committee set to work in the middle of a bitter winter to convince, first the water-users and then the Legislature, that the new proposal was feasible.

It was hard work, and it was discouraging work, but they won.

The Eastern Irrigation District was incorporated by act of the Alberta Legislature as a farmer owned, farmer controlled co-operative of gigantic proportions.

The Board of Trustees found an excellent manager in E. L. Gray, then the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, and gave him practically a free hand.

His first task was to tackle the debt problem. The old land contracts were torn up and new ones substituted. Four-fifths of the old debt was wiped out. The worst obstacle to production disappeared. The farmers of the Eastern Irrigation District now would own what they produced, even as they owned the irrigation system that made their production possible.

The next step was to reorganize the administration of the system to cut down the appalling burden of maintenance and operation charges. Inclusive of land expenses, it had cost the C.P.R. \$5.04 per acre to deliver the water to the land. The experts—the E.I.D. officials, and the managers of the Taber, Lethbridge Northern and Vauxhall systems—had been consulted. \$2.00 an acre seemed to be the maximum annual charge that the land could be expected to bear. Could a farmer organization hope to cut the cost of delivering water to less than half its former figure? Could it find management as skillful as that at the command of the C.P.R.? Could they avoid disaster where a brilliantly directed and powerful corporation could not achieve success?

On the answers of these questions depends the fate of the Eastern Irrigation District. The story of the way they are being answered must be left to the next issue.

Great Expansion Is Shown in Business U.F.A. Co-operative

Total Paid or Set Aside for Dividends \$17,882.43—Undistributed Surplus of \$8,640.01

Great expansion of business done by the farmers of the Province through the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, Ltd. is indicated by the financial statement of the co-operative for the financial year which ended March 31st.

Gross revenue for the period totalled \$46,649.50, as compared with \$30,879.30 for the previous year. Expenditure for the year totalled \$20,126.46. During the year \$17,882.43 was paid in dividends or set aside for that purpose, leaving an undistributed surplus of \$8,640.01.

The distribution of petroleum products under contract with Maple Leaf Petroleum, Ltd., was the chief business of the year. The distribution of binder-twine in association with the United Grain Growers, Ltd., was the next in order of importance.

Padlock Act Flagrantly Dictatorial, Is Stated

Urge Dominion Disallow Quebec Act, Says Mrs. McBride—Conference Opposes Production Tax

The Quebec Padlock Act is without doubt the most flagrantly dictatorial piece of legislation ever passed by a Canadian law-making body, declared Mrs. R. R. McBride, U.F.W.A. Director for Macleod, addressing the Queenstown U.F.W.A. Conference on June 4th.

Mrs. McBride was discussing the action of the Canadian Youth Congress which she and William Runte of Wetaskiwin attended. The Congress called for disallowance of the act, and Mrs. McBride stressed the desirability of action to induce the Dominion Government to take this course.

Drought Areas Penalized

Discussing the new courses in Alberta schools, Mrs. W. H. Ward said it was unfortunate that the dried out areas were denied its benefits. This penalization should be ended, and more assistance was needed from the senior governments for this purpose.

Present-day problems of youth were dealt with in a charming and straightforward address by Miss Margaret Archibald. More than 75 Juniors were present.

A splendid paper on "Do We Still Need the U.F.W.A. in Alberta?" by Mrs. Steve Williams, was one of the features of the conference, as was Mrs. Banner's talk on health matters, urging the people to work for the establishment of health units.

The Convention went on record in strong opposition to the proposed Production Tax.

Other resolutions adopted urged establishment of a health unit in the district; the holding of more joint sessions at the U.F.A. Annual Convention; and favored a closed season for partridges.

Protesting in the House of Commons against the meagre vote of \$50,000 to combat social diseases in Canada, J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., pointed out that the U.S. had voted \$15,000,000 for the same purpose.

With a small membership so far, three Nazi organizations are operating in British Columbia, with headquarters in Vancouver. One of them, the Deutsche Bund, has as its objects the spreading of Nazi doctrines among German-speaking people in Canada, promotion of the sale of German goods, distribution of Nazi literature and the Nazi weekly published in Winnipeg, card-indexing of all German Canadians, and collaboration with fascist-minded Canadians.

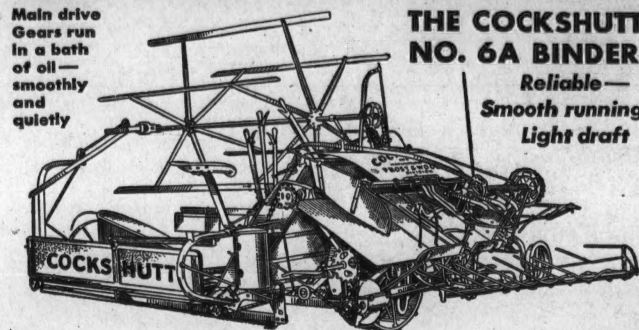
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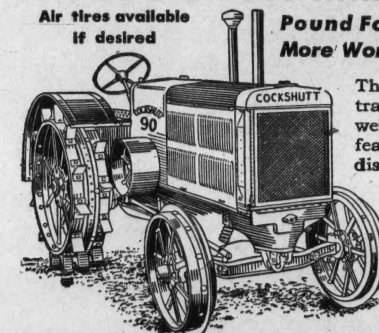
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It is expected to have the President of the U.F.A. and the President of the U.F.W.A. for the evening speakers. Everybody welcome.

TO REPRESENT U.F.A.

Delegates from the U.F.A. to the National Convention of the C.C.F. to be held in Edmonton, July 28th and 29th have been appointed by the U.F.A. Executive as follows: President Gardiner, Vice-President Priestley, Henry E. Spencer, Rudolph Hennig, Mrs. Winifred Ross and Miss Margaret Archibald. The Executive, at its recent meeting, discussed the relationship between the U.F.A. and the C.C.F. resulting from the action of the last Annual Convention of the U.F.A.

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If so, you will be anxious to do everything in your power to support the School of Community Life which is to be held at Olds from June 28th to July 13th inclusive.

You will go yourself if you can; and, if you cannot go, you will do what you can to enable someone else from your district to attend the school.

The Olds School is an experiment. If it succeeds, (and if this year a sufficiently large number of Albertans take advantage of the opportunities it provides it will succeed), it may mark the beginning of a movement that will do for Alberta what the Folk Schools of Scandinavia have done for the vigorous, liberty-loving, progressive people of Denmark, Norway and Sweden—countries which stand as sentinels in North-West Europe of the best traditions of the free peoples.

If the Olds School should succeed this year, there may be other schools next year in various centres; and the idea which the school represents may take root in the Province—and in other Provinces. If the idea should take root, we may look to the future with confidence, whatever befalls.

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"At Olds you can listen to men and women of wide experience and knowledge discussing the historic scene, and the problems of war and peace, the more intimate issues of family relationships and

the psychological forces that mould both our social and our personal lives. Books worth reading will be discussed; and the means of working out our salvation in co-operatives and voluntary community enterprises; and the arts of home-making and of speech will be considered. Above all, there will be ample opportunity for everybody to talk over these and other issues together in groups. Every afternoon will be free for recreation, or for spontaneous reading and discussion.

"Last year the interchange of opinion between the younger and the older, between city and country dwellers, was an amazingly stimulating experience for all who were there. And there WAS interchange; because in the quiet, yet altogether friendly and informal atmosphere of Olds, none could hesitate in giving his or her contribution of question or opinion."

Because we believe that every one of our readers who may seize this opportunity will have a thoroughly enjoyable and interesting and stimulating experience, we urge all who can do so to write at once to Donald Cameron, M.Sc., Acting Director of the Extension Department of the University of Alberta, for any further information that may be needed, and to enroll for the full course.

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FREE DISCUSSION ON THE AIR

At a time when the bankruptcy of statesmanship imperils the peace and security and even the lives of millions of the peoples of the few remaining democracies, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, controlled by a board of governors under the chairmanship of L. W. Brockington, K.C., have proved worthy guardians of our Canadian tradition of freedom.

They have been attacked by those who (actuated by bigotry, intolerance, prejudice or vested interest in the suppression of free discussion) wish to deprive the Canadian public of the opportunity to hear not only what the leaders of governments would like them to hear, but also the truth about the sinister forces at work behind the scenes. The C.B.C. have withstood these attacks. Because they have withstood them, they have earned the gratitude of Canadians, and should be given the fullest public support.

We consider the following resolution, adopted by the Executive of the United Farmers of Alberta at a recent meeting, to be timely:

"Whereas, Prime Minister Mackenzie King has intimated in Parliament that, in his opinion, free discussion and criticism of

British foreign policy was unwise in view of the present disturbed state of European affairs, referring to certain aspects of the news commentator policy of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and

"Whereas, the United Farmers of Alberta have always been in favor of the freest possible discussion of all matters of public importance;

"Therefore be it resolved, that the Executive of the United Farmers of Alberta are very strongly of the opinion that the policy of the C.B.C. should be to encourage in every possible way the freest discussion and exchange of viewpoints on all matters relating to the political, economic and social well-being of the people and that only such restrictions as are necessary to prevent the use of improper language, libel and defamation of character should be applied."

This resolution, we understand, has been forwarded to the Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister; Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Transport; Right Hon. R. B. Bennett, leader of the opposition; J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., C.C.F. Parliamentary leader; J. H. Blackmore, leader of the Social Credit party in Parliament, and to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Our readers can strengthen the hands of the Governors of the C.B.C. by taking similar action.

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ACT BEFORE JULY 8th

Elementary rights under British institutions are threatened from another quarter.

Until July 8th the Dominion Government may exercise its power to disallow the Quebec Padlock Act, which deprives the citizens of Quebec of liberties enjoyed for centuries under British institutions. That power has been freely exercised in various other recent instances; but in this case the Dominion Government has given no sign of its intention to do anything. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, received a deputation from the Montreal Civil Liberties Union headed by R. L. Calder, K.C., but was entirely noncommittal as to his own position.

After July 8th power to disallow this legislation will lapse, as a period of twelve months will have passed since its enactment.

Our suggestion is that any further appeals should be addressed to the Prime Minister, Mr. King. Receipt of a large number of letters from individual citizens, urging disallowance of the act, would give the Prime Minister an opportunity to gauge the strength of the opposition to this legislation among Canadian electors.

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IS THIS REALISM?

(Sir Norman Angell in *Reynolds News*)

What is the essence of the present international situation? We face an armed fanaticism, gangster governments, but gangsters who have persuaded themselves or their peoples that the robberies, cruelties, rapes and murders are justified and right.

Well, the "realists" dimly recognize the danger, and have a policy to meet it. They say:

"Divide the wolves, or the gangsters, as the case may be. Promise to join one lot of gangsters if it will detach itself from the other lot. You thus render half of the underworld powerless, and are to that extent safer."

At the price, be it noted, of acceptance of the gangster method. For your own new associates will remain on your side only so long as you can offer bigger booty than the other gang can. (Hitler can offer the whole of French Africa as Mussolini's share of the swag of a really big job. Can we?)

The Western Farm Leader LEGAL DEPARTMENT

By Hon. J. E. BROWNLEE,
K.C., LL.D.

Timber Rights

Timbertrove.—Land recovered by a municipality under Tax Recovery proceedings is not Provincial land and therefore not subject to the regulations of the Provincial Government with respect to timber permits. If the municipality acquires title to such land it also acquires title to any timber upon it. There would therefore be no right of prosecution for cutting timber under any Order-in-Council under the Provincial Lands Act. The municipality would have exactly the same rights as the individual owner of land, that is a civil right of action for damages and possibly a right to prosecute under the Criminal Code.

Borrower and Lender

A.F.B.—As you did not take any security on the car such as a Chattel Mortgage, you only have a straight action for the money you loaned to your debtor. You can sue and obtain judgment against him but there is no way you can seize the car. In the absence of security your position with him is simply the ordinary position of debtor and creditor.

Line Fence

X.Y., Calgary.—The Line Fence Act, Chapter 64, Revised Statutes of Alberta, provides that in case of disagreement between adjoining owners or occupiers of land as to the proper location of an existing line or boundary fence they shall each appoint an arbitrator to decide the matter in dispute. The Act further provides as to how the arbitrators shall proceed with the arbitration. If you object to the change of location you should demand an arbitration and name your arbitrator as provided in the Act.

Destruction of Weeds

H.C.—The Noxious Weeds Act of the Province, Chapter 28, 1932, casts upon the owner of land the duty of preventing the growth of noxious weeds and provides for the appointment of weed inspectors who can order that weeds be destroyed. You should first make your complaint to the weed inspector of your municipal district. This is your only practical remedy as you would probably have great difficulty proving that the weeds on your land spread there from your neighbor's land.

F.C.A.A. Agreement

A.B.—I cannot advise you whether you are bound by the agreement worked out by the Official Receiver under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act without knowing whether the agreement was confirmed in Court. If so it is binding upon you. Your creditor might be willing to make an additional reduction for cash providing you can raise sufficient cash by loan or otherwise. Your particular creditor has not proven unreasonable in other cases and if you can show clearly that you owe more than the land is reasonably worth you could no doubt obtain a further revision of the contract.

To Speak on Production Tax

Norman F. Priestley will address a public meeting called under the auspices of the Lacombe and district board of trade in the Central Alberta Pavilion, Lacombe, on Wednesday, June 22nd, at 8:30 p.m., to discuss the Production Tax Act.

High River U.F.A. Local, meeting on Saturday, passed a resolution strongly criticising the proposed production tax.

JOINT U.F.W.A. CONFERENCE

Presided over by Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Galloway, constituency Directors, a very successful conference was held jointly by the U.F.W.A. Locals of East and West Edmonton and Jasper-Edson.

"We listened to a very inspiring address by Mrs. Malloy," writes Mrs. M. Cavanagh, "and interesting talks by Miss Archibald and Mrs. McBride. A demonstration of health exercises by girls under the leadership of Mrs. Hogg was greatly enjoyed, as was a school chorus under Miss Burnell. Papers were given on organization and temperance. There was a splendid display for the handicrafts contest."

Need Some Farmers, Law Making Bodies, Gardiner Contends

In the interests of the agricultural industry it is necessary that the farmers should have some representatives in both Provincial and Federal Legislative bodies, Robert Gardiner, President of the U.F.A., stated in an address to the recent Queenstown U.F.W.A. Conference.

Mr. Gardiner discussed the proposed Production Tax in detail. It tended, he said, to make tax collectors of all merchants; and he wondered if they were to be reimbursed for their services

ATTACK PADLOCK LAW

It had taken three and a half months for copies of the Quebec Padlock Law to reach Ottawa while the Alberta legislation which was disallowed had made the longer trip in four days, said Angus MacInnis sarcastically in the House of Commons recently. P. J. Rowe, M.P., also attacked the Padlock law as violating fundamental British principles.

in making out triplicate forms for all transactions. The ten days' notice required before stock could be shipped from the Province might cause a rancher to lose thousands of dollars owing to fluctuating markets, he said.



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Minister Is Advised Handling of Relief Is Not Satisfactory

**U.F.A. Executive Points Out Much
Dissatisfaction With Way
Work Done in Spring**

In view of statements made in behalf of the Alberta Government that seed and feed relief work in the drought areas during the past spring had been carried out satisfactorily, the U.F.A. Executive, meeting in Calgary recently, decided to point out to the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. D. B. Mullen, that there was much dissatisfaction.

It was indicated to Mr. Mullen that the restricted amount of seed made available had prevented many farmers from sowing land which was already prepared in a season giving promise of better crops than have

been known for some years past. It was also pointed out that seed oats and feed, as well as wheat, had arrived so late as to make it impossible for many farmers to do their work at the right time. It had, further, caused them to make numerous trips to delivery points, this entailing much hardship and privation.

Olds School of Community Life

The Executive requested Mrs. Malloy and Mrs. Ross in behalf of the U.F.W.A. and Messrs. Priestley and Church to attend the Olds School of Community Life in behalf of the U.F.A. if at all possible.

Appreciation of the amendments of the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act passed during the present session at Ottawa was expressed by the Executive to Hon. Charles Dunning, Minister of Finance.

Report was received from the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association on its activities for the present season and its annual financial statement was brought under review.

The Yorkshire (England) Farmers' Bacon Factory Society, a co-operative packing plant, reports that last year upwards of 130,000 pigs were handled at a loss of about 1 shilling per head. Prices paid to producers were higher than warranted by economic conditions, but not high enough, states their report, to make pig producing attractive. Another co-operative, operating in Suffolk, handled over 58,000 pigs (a drop of 10,000 from the previous year) with a net surplus of nearly \$10,000.

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—Striking Figures Presented**

PRESIDENT'S SURVEY

**Christianson Compliments Pool—
German and Smith Guest
Speakers at Gathering
in Calgary**

Impressive evidence that the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool, after overcoming serious difficulties during the past year through the joint efforts of membership, officers and management, has entered upon a period of marked expansion, based on sound co-operative and business principles, was received with gratification and enthusiasm at the Annual Meeting of the Pool.

The meeting was held in the Labor Temple in Calgary last week, under the chairmanship of William Burns of Three Hills, President. At the same time, as detailed examination of the position of the Pool by the delegates made clear, cautious business practices tend to ensure that all ground gained shall be held; and that every gain made shall prove the stepping stone to new advances.

As the most important figures showing the progress made this season were given in the last issue of *The Western Farm Leader*, only passing reference need be made to them at this time.

Last Week's Figures

In illustration of the growth of output it is of interest to record the latest figures—those of the week which ended last Saturday after the close of the meeting. These show a total of 21,500 lbs., as compared with 7,500 lbs. for the corresponding week in 1937. This is more than twice as great as the output at the period of peak production last year, which occurred in the third week in August. For this season the peak is not expected for some time to come.

In the light of these facts and figures, and of their survey of the whole of the business operations of the Pool, delegates were both gratified and enthusiastic. The meeting was undoubtedly the best which has been held for several years. Motions thanking all officers and staff for their work during the past year were carried with applause.

Supervisor's Tribute

A high tribute to the Pool and its officers and management was paid by A. H. Christianson, Supervisor of Co-operative Activities for the Alberta Government, who was present throughout the proceedings and addressed the gathering briefly. Mr. Christianson explained that it was not his habit to commend any particular enterprise without knowing whereof he spoke. What he had to say was the outcome of a very careful study of business details.

Mr. Christianson expressed the hope that the greatest possible co-ordination of effort between the Pools engaged in the marketing of dairy products would be attained. This was desirable in the interests of the whole movement. He made reference to progress being made in various other fields, including poultry, stating that the building up of good local co-operatives was desirable as a preliminary to effective Province-wide organization.

Commends Manager's Work

In the course of his report, President Burns referred to the appointment of Mr. Toppenberg as manager, declaring that he would, upon intimate acquaintance, "fill you all with a spirit of con-

REGULATION ASKED

In view of the considerable loss which has been sustained as a result of butter-fat "price wars", the Annual Meeting of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool requested the Minister of Trade and Industry to investigate the possibility of exercising some control under existing legislation. If such legislation is not adequate, the Minister is asked to introduce legislation to enable the Government to regulate butter-fat prices paid by the creameries to the farmers of the Province, control to be based on wholesale market prices obtained, so as to avoid disastrous waste.

Mr. Christianson, Supervisor of Co-operative Activities for the Province, expressed wholehearted sympathy with the purpose of the resolution, and confidence that any necessary action would be taken.

fidence in his ability to produce for you the best results from the products you ship him." A spirit of confidence, said Mr. Burns, was required in the co-operative movement in the Province. "If the people could only realize the full advantages to be obtained from co-operation, they would co-operate more willingly and we would hear less about the depression," he said.

"I am very pleased to be able to state that at no time since I have had the honor to represent you as your President, has the outlook been so good as at present, and I trust every delegate present will go home and become a booster in his own district for your own organization and try to lift the roof with too much volume."

Directors had fully accepted their responsibility, and given their fullest co-operation and assistance, stated Mr. Burns, in expressing a personal tribute of them. Of the manager and employees, he said: "I know their grand spirit of co-operation is a model which is the envy of many of the plants in the district," he added.

Thanks Leader for Assistance

Referring to the fact that there had been little the Board could do during the past year towards providing a "more elaborate policy of getting news and information to the members," Mr. Burns said he wished to "tender to the Editor of *The Western Farm Leader* our sincere thanks for the space he has at all times made available to us in his valuable paper. I am sure it helped us to contact our members at a time when it was essential that they should be getting accurate information re the situation. Your Directors realise that the strongest bulwark of the Co-operative Movement is a well-informed membership."

Pointing out that the problems which confronted the Pool at the time of his appointment were many and perplexing, Manager Chris. Toppenberg said that the wholehearted support and co-operation which had been given him by the Board had been exceedingly gratifying and helpful.

Manager Stresses Renewed Interest

"I am confident," he said, "that anyone who has witnessed the astonishing renewed interest in this Farmer-owned and controlled organization, has felt something more than just pleased that this plant was kept busy; rather, I would like to think that we all sensed something more significant in this—we who believe in the co-operative movement. We have had the very great pleasure to find that our faith in this great endeavor was not unfounded." It would be the great concern of the management to prove to the many new shippers who were "giving the Pool a trial" that, given the volume the plant was built to handle, profitable operation would be maintained. Market price is paid on delivery, as by any other plant, he pointed out, but if after operating costs are met a surplus remains, this

Presses Japanese Thrust



Under the direction of their new commander, Lieut-General Toshiro Nishio (above), the Japanese armies in China have been reinforced by several new divisions, as Japan strains her resources to the utmost in the hope of winning a decision before the Chinese armies can be fully trained and equipped. The Chinese, however, are confident that for the invaders, "even to win is to fail," since the conquest of the vast hinterland or the areas remote from the railways is regarded as beyond Japan's powers.

goes to the producer either as cash dividend or as an equity in the business. "In this lies the great difference between a producer-owned creamery and one controlled by one or a few individuals, usually non-producers."

After referring to the purchase of two trucks by the Pool, Mr. Toppenberg went on to speak of the number of private truck owners who have been found most loyal to the Pool and to the producers whom they serve. "I cannot pass over this point," he said, "without a few words of sincere thanks to these men. . . . Support them, all the year round, so that they may continue in business. If you let them down now, when it is comparatively easy to travel the roads, you may not have them when road conditions are difficult."

The Manager also referred to the cold storage facilities of the Pool, urging the producers to make use of these facilities which by virtue of their membership in the Pool, are of course their own.

Paying a tribute to his whole staff, Mr. Toppenberg spoke of the appointment of Mr. Hallberg as fieldman, "whose work and untiring efforts have so much bearing on our volume. Kindly do not forget to give him a real hand when he calls in your district," the Manager asked, "but the good work he performs would be of no avail if the staff in your plant and office were not prepared to pay the utmost attention to your product when it arrives here."

The Pool's butter continuously scored very high, the record so far this year being 94 per cent 40's; another factor showing efficiency in the plant was that last year there was an overrun of 22 per cent.

German and Smith Speak

R. O. German, Secretary of the Alberta Wheat Pool, and W. Norman Smith, Editor of *The Western Farm Leader*, who were guests of the convention, delivered brief addresses. Wishing the Pool all success, Mr. German said that when he came into the convention he found that almost everybody was known to him, and that he was among friends, an experience which Mr. Smith said he shared. Mr. German brought greetings from the Wheat Pool, which was always glad to see progress made by other co-operative enterprises.

Pointing out that *The Western Farm Leader* is the only farm paper published in Alberta which gives consistent support to every co-operative activity

Letters to the Editor

Letters published in this section do not in any case necessarily express the opinions of the editor. As occasion permits we wish to provide our readers with opportunity for expression of their views. When questions raised are of a controversial nature we hope to see both sides effectively represented. In general, letters which are short and to the point will be likely to secure more prompt publication than lengthier letters.

PRODUCTION TAX

Crossfield R.R.1

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

I see by your paper some farmers are organizing a U.F.A. Local for the purpose of protesting against the 7 per cent Production Tax. Poor benighted people, we are paying ten times that at present.

The U.F.A. was originally organized as a "trades union" to get fair prices and better working conditions for farmers. Hundreds of resolutions have been passed on a great variety of subjects with this end in view; but our condition as an industry grew steadily worse until we elected the present Government. It stopped all foreclosures, thus giving security, and it passed a minimum wage act for men.

What did the U.F.A. demand as just wages for the farmer's labour, so that he could run his business on a cash basis and live as well as those engaged in other industry? They made no such demand; the result is the farmer prepares his land and sows the crop and is not paid any minimum wage, mostly because his "union" made no such demand.

A Suggestion

Here is a suggestion: An acre of land sown to crop can be insured for \$5.00 per acre. Then the farmer should be paid that amount as wages for his work as soon as his crop is in, and the crop could be the security. This should be paid debt-free and without paying any premium as insurance, because he has done his work valued at \$5.00 per acre.

People who do not understand why a farmer should be paid for his work should leave the Production Tax alone. Under the present system the banker pays 90 per cent of his "promises to pay on demand" with other people's production. We want to change that, and paying in kind instead of in "promises to pay on demand" may be one way of doing it.

There is nothing to pay anybody with except production. The trouble is people confuse bank notes with things of value. Some call them a measure of value; they are neither. They create debt and are a tax of much more than 7 per cent on all production. The Production Tax is to abolish debt and prevent industry from being further mortgaged to finance by abolishing arrears of taxes.

Yours sincerely,

D. J. MILLER.

of the farm people, both in marketing and in purchasing, Mr. Smith said that the advancement of this movement in every phase was a major function of the paper.

The necessity of developing the educational side of the movement had been stressed by other speakers. It was the aim of himself and his wife to provide an educational medium for the movement—for every branch of the co-operative marketing and farmers' consumer movement. The degree of success which might be attained would depend in large measure upon the support given to the paper by those it sought to assist.

A short talk on various aspects of his work was given by Mr. Hallberg.

The meeting received with much regret the resignation of Mr. Standish, who has been the largest shipper of cream to the Pool; who has been an officer and energetic worker for the Pool at all times. Mr. Burns explained that Mr. Standish for good reasons thought it desirable to retire from the

Wholesales' Big Increase

NEW YORK, N.Y., June 15th. — Representing 178 consumers' co-operatives with 16,735 members, 279 delegates attended the recent annual meeting of the Eastern Co-operative Wholesale here. The total volume of business for 1937 was just over half a million dollars, which represented a large increase over the previous year.

Board at this time; though his enthusiasm for the Pool was undiminished.

A cordial vote of thanks to L. B. Hart of Carbon, who retired from the Board this year, for his loyal services and hard work for the Pool, was adopted.

Following the meeting delegates and guests met at the York cafe for an evening meal, Mr. Burns presiding at this informal gathering.

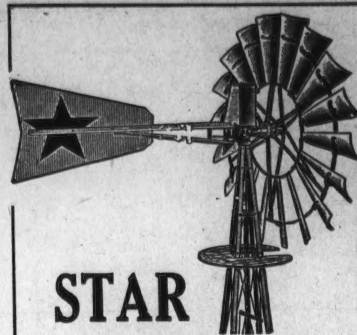
Pool delegates were as follows (those who will form the Board for the coming year being indicated):

District No. 1.—Director J. H. Rhodes Brant (re-elected) Secretary; J. C. Buckley, Gleichen; J. McCullough, Aldersyde; T. H. Hagerman, Parkland; W. Fawkes, Namaka.

District No. 2.—Director T. H. Bond, Priddis (new); Mrs. G. M. Chalmers, Millarville; R. G. Evans, Midnapore; A. J. Currie, De Winton.

District No. 3.—Director J. Pollack, Olds (re-elected); O. L. Shupe, Carstairs; L. Barnero, Olds; C. A. Montgomery, Bergen; F. Whitlow Jr., Cremona.

District No. 4.—Director Wm. Burns, Three Hills (President); V. Anderson,



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Current News from Near and Far

PROVINCIAL

The Union of Alberta Municipalities is holding its annual convention in Calgary this week.

The Alberta Unity Council will hold their first official meeting in Edmonton, June 23rd and 24th.

Some 350 agents of the new Alberta Rail Insurance Board are now at work throughout the Province.

A special fall session of the Legislature may be the outcome of the Social Credit caucus to be held June 27th and 28th in Edmonton.

The Alberta Government has withdrawn its appeal to the Privy Council on the right of the Federal Government of disallowance and reservation of Provincial legislation.

Three months in advance of the due date, the Alberta Wheat Pool has paid \$453,250 to the Provincial Government—interest and principal on the bonds issued to cover the 1929 overpayment.

After long discussion by the Liberal annual convention in Edmonton, a letter from E. W. Brunson, secretary of the Provincial Unity Council, was referred to a special committee. The convention asked the Federal Government to take into the Cabinet J. A. MacKinnon, Alberta's only Liberal M.P.; and urged that the same freight rate should apply to crude oil from Alberta to the Pacific Coast as to export wheat.

The Agricultural Land Relief Act was ultra vires of the Province, argued J. E. Brownlee, speaking for agricultural producers in the Alberta Appeal Court in Calgary. He said that it provided for an indirect tax, interfered with the policies of the Dominion and conflicted with the Canada Grain Act; interfered with trade and commerce and was impossible of performance. Officials of the Attorney-General's Department sought to prove that the Act was not a tax, but expropriation of property; but if a tax, was a direct tax; and that the Court should pronounce only on the validity of the legislation, not its workability. Decision was reserved.

DOMINION

Immediate removal of Major-General Ormond from the post of superintendent of penitentiaries is recommended in the report of the penal commission to the House of Commons. A permanent commission of three to administer Federal prisons and act as a parole board is recommended.

The Federal Government has so far refused to take any action with regard to destitute unemployed single men who are conducting a "sit-down" strike in Vancouver, beyond their offer of providing transportation to the men's home Provinces. The strikers demand a public works program, with wages.

"Railway savings purchased at the expense of the development of Canada and of a wide disturbance in the already disturbed labor and material markets of the country would be too dearly obtained," declared S. J. Hungerford, C.N.R. chairman, to the Senate railway committee on Tuesday. Strongly opposing unification plans, Mr. Hungerford said that the C.N.R. had met its operating expenses since 1923 and that it had a great earning capacity under normal conditions, with greater potentialities than its rival.

Ten thousand gas masks for the Canadian army will be made in Canada this year.

The first Canadian Eucharistic Congress will be held by the Roman Catholic Church in Quebec, June 22nd and 26th.

By a vote of 102 to 53, the House of Commons voted a six months' hoist to the Senate divorce bill, broadening grounds for divorce.

With 8,294 signatures, a petition was presented in the House of Commons last week asking an embargo on export of war materials to Japan.

Fascism is growing in Canada under the direct protection of the governments of Ontario and Quebec, charged Tim Buck, Communist leader, recently.

More than 300 members of Ontario militia are also members of the Fascist party called "National Social Christian," declared Joseph Farr, party leader.

Marketing of the 1938 wheat crop will be discussed by representatives of the Wheat Pools during their conference with the wheat committee of the Federal Cabinet in Ottawa this week.

An R.C.M.P. enquiry will be held into the ejection of Calgary unemployed men from a Social Credit campaign meeting at Melville by "a personal police force," states the Saskatchewan Attorney-General, T. C. Davis.

The Federal Government does not admit liability to the Wheat Pools in connection with stocks and contracts made over to the Canada Wheat Board in 1935, said Hon. W. D. Euler in Ottawa. The Pools are renewing their application for an additional settlement.

WORLD

Negotiations for an Anglo-American trade agreement have made so little headway that it is reported from London they will be given up and another attempt made in the fall.

The Roosevelt administration is considering direct export of the anticipated wheat surplus in the U.S., states a Washington despatch. A survey is being made in preparation for possible action.

The Italian press is demanding that the British-Italian treaty shall be made effective immediately, disregarding the condition that it would come into force after the withdrawal of Italian forces from Spain.

Following bombing of a French railway line running into Spain in one of three violations of French territory by bombing planes from the south, presumably Fascist, French forces along the border have been increased to 60,000 men, and orders have been given to open fire on planes threatening French territory.

Strong feeling has been aroused in Great Britain over the sinking of British ships and the killing of British seamen by Fascist bombs in Spanish harbours. Since April 11th, 22 British ships have been attacked, Premier Chamberlain reported to the House of Commons on Tuesday. Of these, eleven were sunk or seriously damaged. Mr. Chamberlain proposed establishment of safety zones, or selection of a port outside the theatre of military operations; however, he said, ships entering ports subject to military attack must do so at their own risk.

Nazi Badges Are Worn in Calgary

The Nazi sign of the Swastika has made its appearance in Calgary.

Any day now a number of citizens may be picked out on the city street wearing Mr. Hitler's emblem with appropriate lettering. So far there is no indication that any active body of Nazi's or Fascists has been set up in Calgary, but the appearance of these badges is significant.

Japan has become the best customer of the U.S. for war munitions.

Earthquake shocks were felt in London, Paris and Brussels last week.

New conscription regulations, bearing alike on rich and poor, are being enforced in China.

Farm implement companies in the U.S. are dominated by eight large corporations, as regards price and output, states a report of the Federal Trade Commission.

Eight European nations who guaranteed Austrian loans in 1933 are protesting against the refusal of Nazi Germany to take responsibility for these debts.

Fascist forces in Spain now control seventy miles of the Mediterranean coast, between Castellon and Barcelona, Government troops having been slowly pushed back.

Spanish Government forces are hurrying reinforcements and "digging in" on the banks of the Mijares River, and rushing work on fortifications in the mountains that form a natural barrier to Valencia.

Retreat is not always the way to peace, declared Anthony Eden in an address in his own constituency last week; he demanded that the British Government should take a "clear stand" against dictators.

In response to warning of Japan that her warships will move up the Yangtze River, the U.S. Government has refused to remove its gunboats, and it is understood the British authorities will also refuse.

Regulation of futures trading in grain is proposed by the U.S. Government, states Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. The plan is to limit the amount of trading any person may do on one day, and the amount of futures that may be held by any one person.

The American Medical Association, whose leaders have bitterly opposed state or co-operative medicine, was warned by an official of the U.S. Government's health services that public or other action must be taken, as "one-third of our people are not going indefinitely to remain ill-fed, ill-housed, ill cared for in sickness."

French soldiers must be ready to risk their lives for Czechoslovakia if English soldiers were to be expected to fight for France's safety, declared Pierre Cot, former French air minister, replying to a speech of former Premier Flandin which urged that France should refuse war unless she herself were invaded. "Collective security is a condition of French security," declared Cot.

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

Selecting the Herd Sire

The selection of a herd sire is of such major importance that it is necessary for the stock breeder to set a high standard as to what this individual should be, says *The Maritime Farmer*. It has been said that breeding is based upon the single principle of selection; that is, if the selection has been right the desired result will follow.

To be in a position to select, there must be an ideal standard in mind, and a knowledge of the principles of judging and feeding. Familiarity with breed history and pedigrees are also quite necessary in choosing a sire. In every breed there are different strains, or families, all of which may be good, yet each having a type or trait just a little different from the other. A knowledge of these families may help very materially in making a selection for your herd.

It is a severe test for any sire to be expected to stamp his good qualities on the offspring of females which represent different lines of breeding. To make a satisfactory job he must be prepotent. But prepotency is only desirable in a herd sire when it tends toward improvement, and to make this tendency for improvement more certain, strong and desirable qualities are secured by line breeding. This can be safely practised only when outstanding individuals are used, and careful selections made.

Before Purchasing

Before purchasing a herd sire, a survey of the females in the herd or district should be made, carefully checking up the blood lines, and the weak points in these animals. By selecting a sire good in conformation where the females are weak, and carrying strong blood lines of those which predominate in these females, the breeder is much more sure of success than if he had selected a sire equally as good but carrying different characteristics.

In selecting sires of the dairy and dual-purpose breeds, milk records should be given as serious consideration as type. Most persistently high-producing cows are not freaks, but are the result of careful breeding, feeding and selection. Production should be looked for through both parents.

When both type and production are found tracing through successive generations of family blood lines, this suggests an ideal pedigree, and if development has been properly carried out one can expect an ideal sire. An inferior individual breaking into a good line in the pedigree will very materially lessen its value. An individual of exceptionally good type, and showing persistent but not outstanding production may be a help if the herd is weak in type. Progress in the improvement of live stock requires careful selections of herd sires. A sound policy of selective breeding should be laid down at the start and the plan adhered to from year to year if uniformity of breed type and production is to be established.

Liberals Hold Saskatchewan

Winning 36 seats in a Legislature of 52, the Liberal Government in Saskatchewan was re-elected last Wednesday. The C.C.F. increased its group from 5 to 10; Social Credit won two seats, independents two, and two are deferred. With an aggregate vote of 193,212, the Liberals showed a small decrease from 1934; the C.C.F. dropped from 103,582 in 1934 to 78,497, and Conservatives from 114,973 to 52,102; Social Credit polled a total vote of 62,951. There is no transferable vote in Saskatchewan.

Rains early this week at various points in the Peace River district have relieved the forest fire situation:

A report from Germany states that German scientists have a formula for abstracting helium gas (needed for dirigibles) from air.

ANNUAL MEETING OPENS

This section goes to press just as the Annual Meeting of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool is opening at Aliz. At least a brief account of the proceedings will be given elsewhere in this issue, though the necessity of catching the mails may not permit of an extensive report at this time.

A Memory System

(By Priscilla Leonard in *Dairymen's League News*)

Forget each kindness that you do
As soon as you have done it.
Forget the praise that falls to you
The moment you have won it.
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Remember every promise made
And keep it to the letter.
Remember those who lend you aid
And be a grateful debtor.
Remember all the happiness
That comes your way in living.
Forget each worry and distress,
Be hopeful and forgiving.
Remember good, remember truth,
Remember Heaven's above you,
And you will find, through age and youth,
True joy and hearts to love you.

Transport Board to Regulate All Traffic

Tariff Protection for Alberta Oil Unlikely—New Hqsing Bill

By M. McDUGALL
(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

OTTAWA, June 15th. — Providing for the creation of a Board of Transport Commissioners and for the regulation of inland water traffic and air transport as well as the railways, Mr. Howe's transport bill has passed the House of Commons and is now being considered by the Senate. Last year a transport bill sponsored by Mr. Howe was defeated in the Senate. The present bill removed sections which aroused opposition last year. One of the main objects of the present measure is to give assistance to the railways through subjecting other forms of transport to regulation. Hitherto it has been only the railways which have been under the control of a board, the Railway Commission. On of the sections of the present bill which may meet with opposition in the senate is the "agreed charges" clause which enables carriers to agree with shippers to reduce carriage rates, under certain conditions and with guarantees that other shippers have the privilege of contracting at the same reduced rates. The "agreed charges" system is in vogue in the United Kingdom. It is not yet clear what will be the fate of the bill at the hands of the Senate.

Turner Valley Oil Field

The great growth of oil production in Turner Valley and the question of competition from Montana oil, were discussed at some length in the Commons. Control of production, it was pointed out by the Minister of Finance, is in the hands of the Alberta Legislature, not of the Dominion Parliament. Mr. Bennett raised the question whether or not the Government should consider placing a dumping duty on imports from Montana. It was agreed that the conservation and development of the great oil reservoir of Alberta was of great interest to the country now and for the future, that expanding production presented

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Are Life Insurance Funds Invested in Alberta?

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Question.—Where are these millions invested?

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Q.—How are these millions invested?

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Q.—Then Life Insurance dollars really do "double duty"?

A.—Yes, these dollars not only give financial protection to the women, children and the aged—but they also benefit the general public through the promotion of worthy undertakings.

Q.—Why is it necessary for insurance funds to earn interest?

A.—To secure the reasonable interest return necessary under policy guarantees to meet all obligations at maturity.

Q.—What is the record of Life Insurance in Canada?

A.—Through depressions, epidemics, and wars, Life Insurance has continued to fill every guarantee to policyholders, 100 cents on the dollar.

This is the third of a series of messages sponsored by Life Insurance Companies operating in Canada. The fourth, to appear in two weeks' time, will show how Life Insurance benefits living policyholders.

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Holidaying?

.... Asks JANE DEE.

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At Stettler Conference

Mrs. Malloy, Miss Archibald and Mrs. R. R. McBride were the speakers at a very successful U.F.W.A. Conference at Stettler on June 6th, and all were listened to with great interest, writes Mrs. A. Payne, Director for Camrose. Piano solos and songs added to the pleasure of the occasion. A delicious lunch was served at noon to about fifty guests, while others came in for the afternoon program.

Progressive U.F.W.A. (Blackfalds) entertained sixty ladies last Friday at Spruceville Hall. Mrs. Ray Carter, U.F.W.A. Director, was the guest speaker and Mrs. H. E. Heath, the Local president, presided.

Interests of

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Dear Farm Women:

Sometimes it does seem to people farming in Western Canada that they have all the trials of farming and that elsewhere it surely must be comparatively simple. However, if we were to look into the matter, in most places we should find it seems to have greater burdens than many other callings.

I have just been reading A. G. Street's "Farming England" (B. T. Batsford Ltd., 15 North Audley St. W1, London). Many of you will have read his "Farmer's Glory" which includes a description of his homestead days in Manitoba or possibly some of you heard him on his trip across Canada—last year, I think.

The book is a pleasure to look at as well as interesting to read. It contains numbers of beautiful photographs of different parts of rural England representing many types of farming as well as a pleasing colored frontispiece of "The Farmyard" by John Nash.

Not a Happy Tale

While the pictures are most pleasing the tale he has to tell of agriculture in England is not a happy one. Farmers in Western Canada will feel a touch of sympathy when he speaks of places that are not kept up as they should be simply because farming is not paying sufficiently well to warrant the expense.

He takes us over rural England with its varied types of farming. Of course some of it looks and sounds fascinating, with pictures of gathering chrysanthemums in the fields of Bedfordshire and the tulip fields of Lincolnshire, and his references to other parts with the fruits and the flowers which were their staples.

There are, of course, the parts of England more widely known for their fruit and other areas for their beef or dairy farming, or there may be combinations of different types in still other parts. Naturally in a country of so many city dwellers there is a very large branch of farming taken up with supplying milk and poultry. I remember the author said that in Yorkshire, near Leeds, the countryside was mainly given over to supplying the nearby towns (of course with us they would be listed as cities) with vegetables, milk and eggs, but had one special branch of farming—rhubarb and liquorice.

One comment he made in writing of Cheshire, where so much cheese was formerly made, may be "of particular interest to women," the cheese-making is now the exception, not the rule and the author said: "The whole thing boils down to this—cheese-making is woman's work, seven days a week and the whole of it is performed in the farm house. Once take away this daily burden from the farmer's women-folk for two or three years, and the farmer who can get his household back to cheese once again is a Hitler or a Mussolini, and certainly a better man than most."

Besides the wide variety of the type of farming, there is a much greater variety in the size of different farms. Also there is a much greater stretch of size, and of method from the very old to the very modern. The examples of some of the modern methods used may be somewhat of a surprise to those who have pictured the English farmer as conservative in his manner of farming. The last few years have seen a great change there in methods of farming and probably also in attitude of the farmers to farming.

No Longer Fear Nationalization

I think what surprised me most was when Mr. Street mentioned his own attitude and that of many other farmers there to land-nationalization. As he remarked, he was a farmer and therefore one of the few supporters of individualism and it seemed queer to think that he should be willing to discuss nationalization without going off the deep end or foaming at the mouth, as he thought would have been the reaction of most British farmers twenty years ago. In his travels he said he was continually coming across both tenant and owner farmers who were admitting that it must come and they did not fear it coming.

First and foremost, he said, there must be a national policy for agriculture; and secondly it was impossible to preserve the beauty of the countryside under the patch-work policy of individual ownership.

In this older country we see tremendous changes have been made in methods of farming because they have proved an economic advantage for the farmers and the people generally. Also, possibly more striking, is the change of attitude to the land policy. If the country as a whole (both farmer and non-farmer) is to prosper and enjoy life, the day of hap-hazard individualism is passing.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

East Vegreville U.F.W.A. have just finished a "thrift quilt," made from scraps of print and flour sacks, on which they are selling tickets.

Stettler U.F.W.A. have added three new members to their numbers, writes Mrs. A. Payne, and have planned some good meetings for the summer.

Owing to feed shortage and cold weather, Wheatshaf U.F.W.A. (at Altario) were unable to hold their annual meeting during the winter. Meeting on June 1st, at the home of Mrs. Gowland, the members elected Mrs. W. Clark president, replacing Mrs. Swanson, who has held the office with great efficiency for three years, writes Mrs. Geo. Morley, secretary. Mrs. J. Hodgson is vice-president.

TIME OUT

The little red schoolhouse is closing,
Its work for another year done.
Two months it will now be reposing,
Asleep in the hot summer sun.
The teacher her way will be wending
Some distant green pasture to roam,
But scholars will mostly be spending
Vacations at home.

Perhaps they will tackle the hoeing
And bring Waterloo to the weeds,
Or out in the hay-field be showing
The prowess that hay-making needs.

Perchance to pick berries they'll sally
And all be as busy as bees—
Yes, maybe, our young folks will rally
To jobs such as these.

However, if swimming and riding
And such take a lot of their time,
Let's not be too quick in deciding
That playing so much is a crime.
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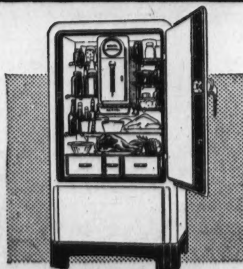
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Rhubarb Charlotte: Wipe and cut finely enough rhubarb to make 2 cups. Rub together 1 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons each flour and butter. Put the rhubarb in a buttered baking dish, sprinkling each layer with the sugar "crumbs." Dust with nutmeg, dot with small pieces of butter, and bake in a moderate oven about 30 minutes.

To Restore the Finish of such fabrics as voiles, organdies, silks, after washing, a dilute solution of gelatin, gum arabic or gum tragacanth is recommended. Any of these must be used sparingly. For gelatin, dissolve 1 ounce in 1 pint of water, and put away for use from time to time. In using, dilute this mixture by adding 8 to 15 parts of hot water. For gum arabic, dissolve 1 ounce in 1 pint of water, and in using dilute with 5 to 10 parts of hot water. A little borax will help preserve either mixture.

Flies should be kept out of your house. Every window and door should be screened; fly swatters, sticky fly paper, poisoned fly pads, are all recommended as means of destroying the flies that get in. A poisoned bait, made by mixing 1 teaspoon of formalin in a cup of sweetened milk or water, and exposing it in saucers, is good. A fly spray, containing pyrethrum extract in mineral oil, is a valuable killing agent.

For tired feet a tepid salt water bath is soothing. Dissolve a handful of salt in a basin of cool water, and soak the feet in this for ten minutes. A thorough massage with rubbing alcohol is also good.

Prominent Speakers at Three Hills Conference

Mrs. Marie Malloy, Provincial President of the U.F.W.A., and Dr. D. L. McCullough, superintendent of the Provincial Training School at Red Deer, were speakers at the U.F.W.A. conference for the eastern part of Red Deer constituency, held at Three Hills recently. Mrs. B. C. Learned, Director, had charge of the meeting. "Mrs. Malloy told us it was time we awoke to our responsibilities as farm people," writes Mrs. H. Hughes, secretary of the Conference. "She spoke at some length on the Production Tax Act, and said the biggest objection to the act was not in the increase in taxes but in the placing in the hands of the Provincial Government the power now held by local school, municipal and hospital districts.

"Dr. McCullough gave a very interesting address on the Sterilization Act."

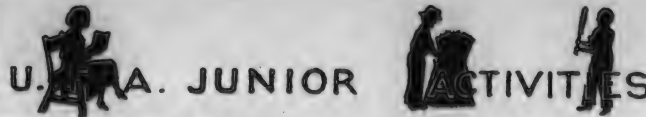
Oppose Production Tax

Stating that the Production Tax Act was in the opinion of the Conference "Unjust, confiscatory and unworkable and will centralize authority in the Minister of Municipal Affairs and greatly increase taxation," a resolution was unanimously passed protesting against it.

Locals represented, Loyalty, Carbon, Swallow and Three Hills, gave reports of their activities.

A letter of appreciation for her work at past conferences, and of regret at her absence through illness this time, was ordered to be sent to Mrs. William Burns. It was decided that Mrs. Burns should be allowed a year's rest, and Mrs. Cameron was appointed convener for the coming year.

Three Hills U.F.W.A. served supper to the gathering.



FARM YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE UNIVERSITY

By DONALD FLACH, Junior U.F.A. Director for Vegreville

EDMONTON, June 13th.—William Repka, Willingdon, carried off first honors in the Public Speaking Contest, held Friday evening in Convocation Hall. Morton McElroy, Conrich, took second place and Blanche Paulsen, Ponoka, third. Awards were given by the United Farmers of Alberta in this contest, one of the high lights of the Farm Young People's Week, now holding its twentieth annual session here.

Crammed With Interest

For the young people here, however, —forty girls and sixty boys—the week is proving an exciting series of high lights. Saturday's Field Day at the University Farm, where the students and other visitors were shown the results of the winter's experiments by the staff, was crammed full of interest.

The first evening was devoted to getting acquainted; an orchestra was

organized and several recitations and musical numbers were given.

After Rev. Mr. Cameron started the day with "Morning Thoughts," an annual feature of Young People's Week, the boys on Wednesday went into classes in Agriculture, conducted by members of the University staff and of the staff of the Department of Agriculture. Handicraft classes were conducted by Miss Montgomery and others in Nutrition and Home Economics by Miss Patrick.

Insight Into World Conditions

A greater insight into world conditions was acquired in the discussion group conducted by Mr. Watson Thomson, student of economics and international affairs. Classes in the Art of Reading, by Miss Butterworth, and in Public Speaking, by Miss Sutherland of Winnipeg, who dealt with the development of a good speaking voice and the choice and gathering

of material, were well attended and enjoyed. Recreational Activities was the subject of study, the purpose being to improve the social life of the rural communities. Mr. Brown's annual class in photography proved once again its popularity with the young people.

A tour of the various laboratories about the Campus and hearing of explanations of their purposes, provided a break in our studies; and showers falling regularly throughout the day brightened the spirits of many of the students, who were worried about dry conditions prevailing in some districts. In the evening the young people enjoyed a film, "Wheels Over Africa," depicting life on the dark continent.

In addition to the usual classes, Thursday was featured by the annual grain judging competition. In the evening we all boarded busses and went to the north side of the river to see the moving picture "Robin Hood."

Saturday evening a number of the students displayed their gifts at the annual home talent concert. Other features of the evening were a play of Dickens' story of "Marriage by Proxy" given by the Dickens Players, and a series of folk dances by members of the Ukrainian Institute, and both were greatly appreciated.

Presenting their play to a capacity audience recently, Progressive Juniors cleared \$70. Two delegates went to the University Week from this Local.



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TRANSPORT BOARD

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a real problem, but the suggestion of a dumping duty was not favorably received.

100 Millions for Housing

The new national housing bill, now in process of enactment, promises to be one of the most important measures of the present session. It sets in motion the machinery for a 100 million dollar house construction program with all that means to the sorely tried building trade, to the low income man who wants to rent or own a home on moderate terms, and to the unemployed problem. The extent to which it will aid the relief situation may be judged from the estimate that 80 million of the 100 million dollars will represent wages.

In concise form, without the complex provisions which legislation on such a subject naturally entails, the bill will loan municipalities 30 million dollars at two per cent annually (in certain circumstances at slightly less) on low rental housing projects, the houses so constructed to be leased to families of low salary or wage scales at figures under the "economic" rental rates.

It provides 20 million dollars to form part, with lending companies' participation, of pooled loans, the Dominion percentage in the pool being 25 per cent, for the construction of low cost houses. As a special concession, on houses built between June 1st, 1938, and December 31st, 1940, valued at less than \$4,000 (where the house is built for a person for his own

Attempt to Line Up Farmers in Fascist Type Body Falls Flat

Big Business Interests Spend Lavishly in Effort to Make Use of Farmers

NORTHFIELD, Minn., June 15th.—An attempt to line up farmers in a reactionary organization of Fascist type, has fallen rather flat here. Only about 175 attended a meeting which had been intensively advertised by W. F. Schilling, formerly \$12,000-a-year member of the Hoover Farm Board, and Thomas Quinn, president of the defunct Minnesota Liberty League. (The parent Liberty League was financed largely by the DuPont family, billionaire armament makers.) The promoters said that in California their organization, called the "Associated Farmers," was well established, and, interspersed with much talk of "Americanism" they told of the methods, usually violent, used against labor in the coast State. With directors prominent in shipping, power, transportation and other corporations, the California organization appears to be using farmers as "cat's paws" in their fight against labor.

Alberta Crop Conditions

Crop conditions are generally good in Alberta at the present time. This statement refers to the present condition over a large percentage of the 12 million acres of area seeded to grain. To bring the crop along, abundant rains will be needed at regular intervals.

There are some fairly large districts where the moisture is insufficient and there are others where very serious damage has been done by cut worms and grasshoppers. The latter are likely to do a lot of harm this season.

Critical Weeks Ahead

No one can say right now whether the Alberta crop will be a big one or not. Three critical weeks extend ahead and almost anything can happen. With widespread rains and a surcease from grasshopper depredations, a good crop can be harvested. With a couple of weeks of dry, hot, windy weather, tremendous damage can be done.

The rain which fell last week centered pretty well in the area from Calgary to Red Deer, extending in diminishing volume northeast and south. A lot of the south country did not get the rain. The Peace River has obtained moderate precipitation, but more will be needed shortly.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, June 14th.—The cattle market is moderately active on light dry fed cattle and mostly steady on better kinds. Good to choice butcher steers are \$5.75 to \$6.50, common to medium \$4 to \$5; good to choice heifers \$5.50 to \$6, common to medium \$3.50 to \$5. Good to choice fed calves are \$6 to \$7; good cows \$3.75 to \$4.25; good bulls \$3 to \$3.50. Good stocker steers and heifers sold at \$3 to \$4; good to choice veal calves \$5.75 to \$6.75. Medium to good Spring lambs are \$8.50 to \$9.50; fat ewes and yearlings \$3 to \$6.50. The hog market opened stronger with selects at \$10.50, bacon \$10 and butchers \$9.50 off trucks.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, June 14th.—The cattle market is fairly steady with no undue activity noticeable. Good to choice butcher steers are \$6.25 to \$7, plain kinds \$5.25 down; good to choice heifers \$6 to \$6.50, plain kinds \$5 down. Good butcher cows are \$3.75 to \$4.25; canners and cutters \$2 to \$2.50; bulls \$3 to \$3.75. Fed calves sold at \$6.50 to \$7. Good kinds of stockers are quoted at \$3.75 to \$4.25, others from \$3.50 down; good to choice calves \$5 to \$5.50. Spring lambs are \$9 down; yearlings from \$5 down and ewes \$4 down. The hog market is showing a firmer tone with selects \$10.35, bacon \$9.85 and butchers \$9.35 off trucks.

J. R. Sweeney is the new Deputy Minister of Agriculture, replacing H. A. Craig, who was retired recently.

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When the bill was introduced in the House Mr. Bennett, Mr. Elliott of Kindersley, and others expressed their whole-hearted approval of the principle of the bill. Mr. Bennett at the same time saw in the complex provisions of the bill the possibility of conflict of jurisdiction with the Provinces which would have to be kept in mind and straightened out.

Top price at the annual Lacombe bull sale was \$275, received by J. W. Barty, Sedgewick, for his champion Hereford. The average price for 100 head was \$90.65.

The U.S. in April imported the largest number of cattle shown by records for any one month in recent years; most of the stock weighed from 175 to 700 lbs. Imports of heavy cattle showed a decline, and Canada was largely replaced by Mexico as the source of supply, in this period.

Forests on 235,000 acres of foothill country in Alberta have been destroyed by fire since 1931, said Senator Buchanan in the Senate last week, pointing out that this condition affected the water supply of the prairie Provinces. Forest patrol work was being neglected, he said.

Ask Further Study of Production Tax

**Stock Growers Urge Producers Be
Consulted—Maynard Explains
Government's Intentions**

Bringing under review a year of great activity in behalf of its members and of the livestock industry in general throughout the West, the Annual Meeting of the Western Stock Growers' Association held in Calgary this month was one of the most interesting and successful in the history of the Association. Presided over by Jack Byers, Manager, it dealt with a multitude of problems facing the industry; heard prominent speakers, many of them expert in their own fields, and went on record by resolution upon a number of questions of importance to the industry.

Fresh Beef Market in Britain

At the banquet held on the first evening, A. M. Shaw, Director of Marketing Services for the Dominion Government, who was the guest of honor, gave an illuminating address on the marketing policies of the Government. He stressed the possibilities of developing the market for Canadian fresh beef in Britain, and the benefits which had followed the advertising campaign regarding beef grading.

Following an address by Hon. Lucien Maynard, in which he explained the Production Tax Act, the meeting went on record urging the necessity for further study of the act, and asking that the present act be not proclaimed. A thorough investigation into the entire principle involved by "a committee representative of all sections of the agricultural industry," before the revised measure is presented to the Legislature, was asked for.

Maynard Discusses Act

Mr. Maynard stated that the intention was to abolish entirely taxation on land in respect to which the tax would apply. Of the 7 per cent, 4 per cent was designed to replace municipal and school taxes and the social service tax, the remaining 3 per cent being to provide for a comprehensive scheme of crop insurance. Only 4 per cent would be levied in respect to livestock production, and all other farm production other than field crops, since these other products were not directly affected by damage to crops by hail, etc.

The act was of a provisional nature; and it was desired to get the views of all concerned before it assumed final form, in the meantime ascertaining through the courts whether it was within the powers of the Province to pass it. It would not in any case be brought into operation in any form until next year.

Land in the past had been taxed without regard to what it produced, an iniquitous system, Mr. Maynard said, which should be replaced by one based on the ability of the taxpayer to pay. By this means the dispossession of land owners for non-payment of taxes when owing to crop failure they had nothing to pay with, would be ended.

Not one cent of the proposed 7 per cent tax would be received by the Alberta Government. "We are in effect lending our name to municipalities and school districts to enable them to obtain the benefits of the measure," Mr. Maynard said. It would be necessary to retain land taxation for lands which would not be affected by the production tax.

Mr. Maynard said that the suggestion that the Government intended to use the revenue from the Production Tax as the basis for the payment of Social Credit dividends was without foundation in fact. There had been no thought of using it for this purpose.

Weather Reports

Directors of the Association were asked to consider the desirability of making a request to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in respect to weather reports. If the CBC could

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Veterinary Questions and Answers

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Hanna.—Kindly give me a cure for ringworm on my cattle.

Answer.—Remove the scabs or crusts with soap and warm water. Apply tincture of iodine with a small brush to the affected parts.

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Red Deer.—I have a cow that has warts on teats. Kindly advise treatment.

Answer.—Apply castor oil twice daily.

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give stockmen and others warning of coming storms, heavy losses might be avoided in many cases.

Speakers at the meeting included Hon. D. B. Mullen, Minister of Agriculture; Prof. J. W. G. MacEwan and Edward Evans, representing the Feeder Shows at Saskatoon and Moose Jaw; Charles Lyndon, Provincial Superintendent of Livestock; John Burns, president of Burns and Co., Ltd., George Spencer, Director of the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act; Oswald Freer of the P.F.R.A.; John Vallance, Director of Water Conservation for the P.F.R.A., and L. B. Thompson, Superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Stations at Manyberries and Swift Current.

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Protest Production Tax

Protest against the proposed production tax on the ground that it would impose "another load on agriculture which it is impossible for it to bear" was expressed by Horse Hill U.F.A. Local by resolution at a recent meeting.

On the basis of figures of production from Horse Hill farmers, it was estimated that taxes would be increased from twice to eight times the amount now paid on land for school, road and social service taxes.

"The tax does not take into consideration the cost of production," states the Local. "It disregards the fact that in most cases it costs nearly \$100 to produce \$100 worth of farm products

even at present prices and over a period of time it would be impossible for agriculture to carry on if a 7 per cent tax was added to the cost of production."

It is further contended that the act penalizes the efficient farmer; that it would be impossible to give the Minister ten days' notice of intention to ship grain or livestock out of the Province, since often the shipper himself does not know what will be done regarding a sale 24 hours in advance. Hiring of "a horde of party heelers for inspection, whose salaries will have to come out of the tax," will, the Local contends, be necessary. Curtailment of authority of local municipal councils is another among several objections to the act raised by the Local.

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What's Doing ? at CFAC

Jack Benny, informed of the Hobby Lobby Program which will replace his broadcasts during the summer, will preview the new series by discussing his famous matchbook collection during the broadcast over CFAC on Sunday, June 19th, at 4:00 p.m. Although Jack insists that collecting matchbooks is his hobby, Mary Livingstone contends that the NBC jester spends too much time sleeping to collect anything but dust. Music by Kenny Baker and Phil Harris' orchestra round out the broadcast.

Gail Egan, well-known CFAC sportscaster, who has covered all major games originating in Calgary for many years, and who is heard daily at 12:15 p.m. on the Sport Cycle, is now heard in a brand new presentation, "The Human Angle in Sports," Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:30 p.m. The program brings to light little-known facts regarding athletes of the world, and includes anecdotes which reveal the personalities of sports names in the news.

Frederic March and Florence Eldridge, Hollywood's leading dramatic husband-and-wife team, again co-star in the Lux Radio Theatre on Monday, June 20th, when they play the leads in "Manslaughter," a stirring drama of a crusading district attorney and the girl he loves. With Cecil B. DeMille as producer, "Manslaughter" will be broadcast over CFAC at 6 p.m.

On Monday, June 27th, Lux Radio Theatre present Helen Hayes in "Jane Eyre."

A Minnesota co-operative, faced with a demand from a county welfare board to pay patronage dividends due relief recipients to the board appealed to the State Attorney-General, who has ruled in favor of the relief recipients.

Average wages of farm help in Canada during the summer season last year were \$23 per month, ranging from \$19 in Saskatchewan and \$21 in Prince Edward Island and Manitoba, to \$28 in B.C. and New Brunswick. The figure for Alberta was \$23, just the average.

Loyalty Juniors are co-operating with the U.F.W.A. and U.F.A. Locals in a picnic on July 6th, with ball games, races, refreshments, and a dance in the evening, arranged by the Juniors. Doreen Hepburn and Bea McComb are the officers of this Local, and Elizabeth West was the delegate to the Junior Conference.

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By SYDNEY MAY

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Dear Musty: Speaking of Beverley Baxter Broadcasts, Bulliteration's Busy Bee is just another Buzz to Canadians. Hoping you are the same.

—Knotty Frankie.

According to Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, a lot of guys who tell their sweeties they'd be willing to go to the ends of the earth for them, can't even make both ends meet.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

Wally, our incurable bach., insists that many a husband knows that his wife is still dear to him by the bills he gets.

New York writer on economics declares that "millionaires are no longer multiplying." Maybe not, but it would be more to the point if they'd start dividing.

Paradoxical as it may seem, nowadays a gal generally makes light of a kiss in the dark.

WHY TEACHERS GET GREY

"A milksp is a rag to mop up spilt milk."

A Welsh magistrate has ruled that a man can't forbid his wife to attend dances. Over here he can but, of course, the result would be the same.

TODAY'S BRIGHT THOUGHT

Wanting but little here below won't get you very much.

Cynical Gus opines that it's no good being ticklish if you want to feather your own nest.

TSK! TSK!

Postcard from the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest intimates that today the hand that rocks the cradle usually belongs to the hired girl.

Nevertheless, it cannot be denied, that a lot of the sweet young things who say that flattery makes them sick, swallow it just the same.

Communication from Mister Gloom laments that nine-tenths of a woman's uncanny intuition is just well-grounded suspicion.

According to a German scientist, sleep walking is on the increase

among women. Ah, well, in these days they won't find so much in their husband's pockets.

THE PUBLISHERS' SYNDICATE ASKS:

"If television isn't in use yet, how does long distance know when you are in the bath-tub?"

Angling Algie of High River dropped in yesterday to inform us that trout fishermen do not tell even little white lies. Nope, just speckled beauties.

EFFICIENCY EXPERT

Then there's the guy who tried to open a charge a/c at a 15-cent store and gave his baby's bank as a reference.

Writer on feminine topics says that "too much leisure is a menace to marriage." Yep, that certainly gives a fellow time to repent.

People with narrow minds should be given a wide berth.

HIYA, TOOTS!

Two Westerners Figure in De Laval Prize List

Two Westerners figured in the prize list in the recent De Laval Separator Company contest: Geo. Padfield, Crandall, Man., and Frank Mundt, Davidson, Sask., who each won a No. 14 De Laval separator.

The first prize, of \$500 cash, went to G. R. Sutherland, Scotsburn, N.S.; second prize, \$350, to Mrs. Dolly Thompson, Mount Forest, Ont.; third prize, \$200, to Mme. Paul Bedard, Rock Forest, Que.; fourth prize, \$150, to Bertha MacDonald, Dalkeith, Ont. Separators were also awarded to H. L. Armstrong, Trenholm, Que., Ann Baird Woodbridge, Ont., and Edna Wilson, River John, N.S.

Japanese imports of cotton in the eight months ending April 30th, 1938, decreased to less than half of the figure for the same period in the previous year.

At least a third of the American farm population are living under "slum conditions" as bad as any found in cities, declared a recent report of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. More than half a million families were said to be living on farms too poor to yield them a living.

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The 22nd of June will be the red letter day for pugilism in this year 1938. Max Schmeling and Joe Louis meet in New York for the heavyweight championship of the world. Two years ago Schmeling knocked Louis out. Since then the latter defeated Jim Braddock and gained the heavyweight championship.

Schmeling is a veteran of some 32 years. Louis is about 25 years old and just in the prime of his existence. Schmeling is a cagey, brainy fighter with a terrific right hand. Louis is a dynamic two-fisted fighter with somewhat lesser brain power. On experience, the odds should be with the German; and on youth and equipment with the negro.

My choice rests with Louis—take it or leave it. I do not think that Schmeling will have a chance to pop in with a terrific right, as he did on the last occasion the two met. I look for Louis to beat the German down before eight rounds have passed. I stick with the chances of youth against old age, for 32 is just that in the pugilistic game.

Turning now to baseball, there seems to be a merry battle in both big leagues. The American league race is closer than for some years. The Yankees have met sterner opposition, particularly from Cleveland. The N.Y. Giants are having to fight tooth and nail to stay on top, too, and that race promises to be a sizzler.

I again pick the two New York teams to finish on top. The Yankees have latent power that has not been manifested in full to date. The Giants are nicely balanced and have good pitching. The purchase of second baseman Kampuris from Cincinnati should help the Giants.

Dizzy Dean is still on the shelf. If his arm returns to 1935 form the Cubs will be a big factor in the race. But will it? That is the big question.

The highway from Edmonton to the U.S. border will be hard-surfaced by the end of next year, said Hon. W. A. Fallow on Monday.

An investigation will be made into the income of Mayor Hague of Jersey City, who, it is alleged, receives immense sums of money from underworld sources. It was Mayor Hague who recently refused to allow Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, to speak in his city.

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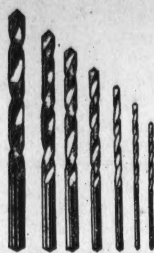
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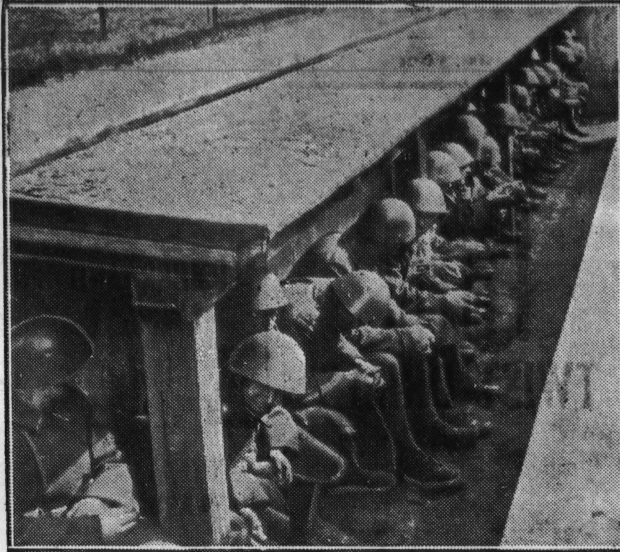
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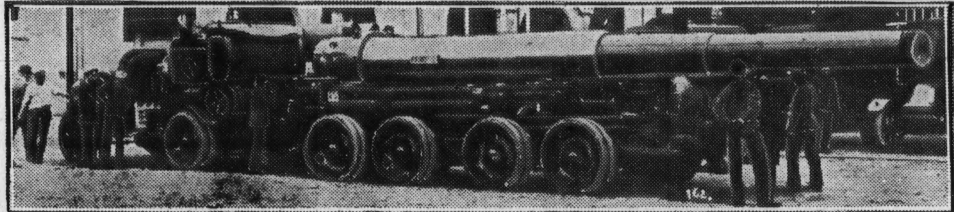
Czechs' Courage and Steadfastness Caused Hitler to "Think Again"



While Nazi threats and intrigue against the integrity of the little Czechoslovak republic continue, the Czechs stand ready to defend themselves resolutely if they are attacked. Military experts consider their army second only to that of France in efficiency. In case of war the 180,000 troops are expected to delay German advances until the Czech's allies can come effectively to their aid. The determination of the Czechs to defend their homes at all costs is believed to have been the major factor in checking plans for invasion.

The third of the series of municipal elections, held last Sunday, gave about 87 per cent of the Sudeten German vote to Henlein; but this fell far short of Nazi hopes. The Czech Government is going far to conciliate the Henleinists, but refuses to permit a minority to dictate the policy of the majority of citizens.

Troops and reservists on border positions are shown above. Lower right is shown one of the long range guns made in the famous Skoda works in Czechoslovakia, possibly the best munition plant in Europe.



Canton Counts Her Dead After Fortnight of Terror



Why British Seamen Are Angry



Following the bombing of 11 British ships in two weeks in Alicante and Valencia harbors, Franco's airforce (mainly German and Italian) bombed the privately owned British airport of Gandia last week. British protests have been ignored. Six thousand British seamen are angrily demanding that action be taken to end this piracy. Anxious not to offend Mussolini, the British Government have been proceeding cautiously. The above map shows the ports named and also Aix-Les-Thermes, where unidentified war planes have several times crossed the border into France, twice dropping bombs.

Cantonese watch the skies daily, fearful of Japanese bombing aeroplanes. For two weeks they have daily spread destruction from the skies. Above Cantonese hastily set to work digging out victims of the attacks from ruined homes and buildings—

work which the regularity of the attacks had interrupted. The toll rose to nearly 10,000 dead and wounded after a fortnight of raining death. These soldiers and helmeted civilians are shown searching ruins following one of the forays.